IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ghoshal, Mitali et al.

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Examiner: James Leslie Grun

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 2231301450 October 17, 2006

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Official Action mailed September 20, 2006 which has a shortened statutory period for response of one month that expires on October 20, 2006.